

Camp near Nashville Nov. 21 1862

(44) + envelope  
Dear Sister

I embrace the present opportunity of writing a few lines to you in answer to yours of the 8th inst. which I received last evening. It found me in good health and I hope these lines may find you the same. I think it quite strange that you have not heard from me for so long a time for I have written to you two or three times since we were at Shelbyville but I suppose you never got my letters nor I have not got yours. I have had but two or three letters from you since we were at Louisville. I wrote a letter to Father day before yesterday. Well Lydia, Mat Blair has not got back to the regt. yet. I heard last evening that he was at Camp Chase in Ohio. And Sergt. Williams has not got here yet neither. I heard that he is at Springfield in Illinois so I guess my shirt has gone up the spout. But perhaps Sergt. Williams will send it down for I understand that he has a good many things for the boys. So I think he will send them down if he dont come himself. I will tell you sometime the reason why he is detained at Springfield. Well Lydia, we was out on a reconnoissance again night before last. We was called at 12 o'clock at night but did not leave camp till 4 in the morning. We were out about 8 miles and drove the rebels out of their snug and cosy dens in a hurry. We came up to them about daylight and gave them a few rounds of shot and shell which soon made them skeddadle. But I guess that was all for I dont think anybody was hurted. I am sure I did not see anyone that was hurt. The enemy did not return the fire, they were most all cavalry and therefore kept out of our way. Well Lydia, what is the best word up there? How is every body and every bodys friend getting along? We are all getting along finely down here. The boys are all well but Allec Depuy. He is sick and in the hospital at Nashville. I do not know whether he is getting better or not. I have not heard from him since he went there nor I do not know what is the matter of him. Well how are you all getting along anyhow? I suppose you have got through husking corn long before this time, and threshing done, and nothing more to do till next spring. Well I am in hopes that I may be able to be up there next spring to help you along with the work but still it looks rather dark. Have you had any snow up there yet? If you haint we can beat you for we had a little snow when we were in Ky. yet. Who is doing to keep school in the Bend this winter? Or haint you going to have any school up there this winter? I dont see where the schollars are to come from anyhow. But I must close. Write as soon as possible and I will remain as ever your true and affectionate brother.

Charles

P.S. Direct 5th Brigade Gen. Sills Division Nashville, Tenn.  
Care Capt. B. Wood

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Camp Nashville Dec. 8th, 1862

Dear Sister &amp; Brother

I seat myself this afternoon to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am still alive and well. I received your very welcome letter of the 22 ult. this day noon. It was the first line I have had from you for some time. I was sorry to hear that Father was not well. I am in hopes that ere this reaches you he may be in good health again. I do not know how soon we will leave this camp but I suppose we will leave in a day or two and perhaps it will (be) tonight. Lydia, I suppose we are going to have a great battle near this place in a few days. It may be tomorrow or nest day and it may be a week yet and perhaps we may not have much of a fight after all. But it is the general opinion now here that we will have a very hard battle. It is said that the whole rebel army of the southwest is concentrating at Winchester and

and I hope these lines may find you all the same. Well how are you all getting along up in the Bend? How are you going to spend New Years? We are not doing anything in camp today to amount to anything. > We were out on picket day before yesterday and came in yesterday morning but we had scarcely got our things out away before we received orders to strike tents and load wagons immediately and be ready for a march. Well we went at it and in a few minutes our knapsacks were packed, our tents struck, and our wagons loaded and we were on the line all ready for a march with three days rations in our havresacks. Well we started off and went about one mile. There we halted and rested about an hour, then we were about faced and marched back into camp but in about half an hour we received orders to be ready in 15 minutes to move camp. Well we waited about an hour and then we got orders to unload wagons and be ready to march by daylight this morning. Well daylight came and we waited till about nine o'clock then we got orders to pitch tents and police our streets. And we are here yet. But the orders came this very moment to move tomorrow morning. The latter I do not think will be countermanded. I think we will move in the morning. I do not know where we will go but I think we will go down to Nolinsville about 15 miles from here and I have no doubt but that we will have a little fight before we get there. But it is scarcely likely that our division will get into the fight for there is troops enough in advance of us to whip all the rebs there is down there. We heard today that Gen. Thomas just more than whiped John Morgan and his gang of cut throats up at Gallatin yesterday. We do not know whether this is true or not but we all hope that it is. We also heard that they have evacuated Fredricksburg and that they are fleeing from before our advancing armies in every place. I hope all these reports may be true but we have had such good news so often and as often disappointed that we cannot rely upon anything that we hear. But should these reports be true the prospect of peace looks quite flattering at present. But I do not believe them yet nor I dont believe we will have peace very soon neither. I have have made up my mind to stay till my three years are up and I believe if I live that even then I will have a chance of reinlisting in this same war. I may be mistaken in this and I hope that I am but I cannot see anything now more than I could a year ago to insure a speedy close of the war. I hear that there is quite a split<sup>p</sup> in the cabinet. I hope it may be for the better. I dont think things have been carried on quite rigid enough. I also heard that there was a likelihood of McClellan being reinstated but I hope this above all other things is not true. If he should be reinstated our government is gone up the spout. It is reported that the president had been shot at three times in the streets of Washington. Bully for the president if he only dont get hurted. Well I received those stamps you sent me. I am very much obliged to you for them. Well Lydia, I must hurry this to a close for the cannons are booming now and we may be called out to fight in a few minutes but I guess it is only our forage train attacked. They attack that nearly every day. They attacked our regt the other day when we were out but you better believe they cut sticks when they saw our cannons come up on the hill and wheel around, hail Columbia but didnt they run. And they attacked us on picket too day before yesterday but a few shots made them skedaddle. I guess I have written all the news so I will close. Please excuse all mistakes and bad writing for I am in a great hurry. Write soon. I remain as ever your brother.

Chas. Santee

Direct Second division

Co. C. 34th Regt. Ills. Vols.

Camp near Nashville, Tenn.

The number of our brigade is changed and I do not know exactly



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his lot to bear our ensign and nobly did he stand up amidst the iron storm and leaden tempest that rained upon our regiment. He fell early, and now sleeps upon the field where he acted so nobly. It is better to die at home and surrounded by ones realatives and friends, but it is glorious to fall as did he upon the advanced line, his fact to the for and enshrouded in the folds of the flag which he had borne so gallantly and bravely. We feel his loss greatly in the company, but we know that there are those on whom it falls with more crushing weight. To you I offer the sincere sympathy of myself and my company in your bereavement. We ask to share in the grief occasioned by this sad casualty, for we all knew, loved and respected him.

Truly your friend

Benson Wood  
Capt. Co. C. 34th Ills.

East Chester Jan'y 29th 1863

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Mr. Santee:

Dear Sir,

I have read in the Dixon paper the death of corporal Charles Santee and I feel that the least I can do is to tell you I am among the number of those who mourn the loss of that brave soldier. The peace democrats of the north and their darling friends the cursed slave holders of the south may laugh at your grief and say it is only a "mud-sill" that is killed but you can tell those men that your son carried the star spangled banner on the bloody field of Murfreesboro and died there, a hero after God's own heart. Priests may get up in the pulpit and deliver glowing panegerics on what are called the great men of this world, marble columns may show people where the proud men lie buried, but your Charlie needs no priest to sing his praises, no monument of stone to cover him. Let him rest where he fell, his body guarded by the angel of freedom, for whom he was not afraid even to give his life and his happy spirit has found in Heaven the reward which God keeps for those who fight for truth and eternal justice.

I am with great respect Your friend

Wm. Seton  
Captain 4th N. Y. Vols.  
East Chester  
West Chester Co., N. Y.

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Camp Sills Near Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
Feb. 6th 1863

Dear Friend Lydia

Having just come in from off of picket and recieved your kind and welcome letter. I will now proceed to answer it. Nothing new has transpired since the battle at this place although the rebels pickets are within six miles of this place. We have a skirmish with them every time we go forageing. We can have a fight here at any time but I am not anxious for it after passing through what I have. I am willing to call it quits with them and go home. I dont know whether I will succeed as well in the next fight as I did in this one or not. I can do no more than I did here and that was to put my trust in the Lord. I feel sorry that the death of Charlie has caused such deep gloom over your family but not any more than it is with me. He was a brother to me. You wanted to know what his last words were. I was not close to him but Sergt. Newcomer of Co. H. informs me that when he was struck he asked Charlie if he should help him away. He answered no take the flag I will not need any help and fell. Those were the last words that he was known to utter. He fell as hundreds have fell defending the old flag of our country. On Tuesday night after Emmert,

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it soon. Tomorrow if the weather will permit we are going out to take the body of Charlie up and send it home. So you need not give yourself any uneasyness about him for he will come through if the rebels dont get possession of the railroad. Lieut. Wagner of Mt. Morris is going to bring him through. We have a zinc coffin for him. The weather here for the past few days has been very fine and warm but I dont think it will remain so long. The works here on the fortifications are progressing slowly, but will eventually be finished if the rebels will hold on a little longer. I think Vicksburg must fall and then they are gone up certain, dont you think they are? They will try and get possession of Kentucky if they can. They had better not come up this way. If they do they will meet with a warm reception. Did you recieve those pictures I send by Doc. Hewitt? Our preacher gave us a very good sermon this afternoon. His text was, The hour has come. I cant tell you where you will find it but I presume it is in the Bible somewhere. I will come down and find it for you when I come home. Last Monday we recieved a box of provision from home. It made us think of the loved ones at home and that they have not forgot us entirely. Long may they live. If the weather will keep dry you may expect to hear of a grand move down here and then woe to the rebels. Give my respects to your Father, Mother, & Brother & yourself also. Please answer soon. No more from your true frined.

Henry

Camp Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
March 19th/63

④ Esteemed Friend

I recieved your welcome letter this P.M. and was glad to hear from you and also to hear that the folks were all well. Which is more than I can say. The weather here is very dry and warm. If you was down here you would think we had southern climate. Warm weather in Ill. is not to be com-ared with it. The boys in the company are all well with a few exceptions of the cold. Old Rosey is pushing the works on the fortifications with a little more vigor than here to fore. He is fearful of the rebs pitching in here some morning. I am looking for it myself. Now Lydie, you would not like to see any one hung up by the heels till they are dead, dead, dead. Would you? I believe I should. I would like to see evry copperhead in the north shot at and not mised. If ever I am spared to return home I will knock down or shoot the first man that talks secesh to me. I suppose you have heard of the death of David Sietz of the 75th. He had the measles and died in the hospital in Murfreesboro. I am happy to inform you that the bodie of your brother was shiped from here to Nashville last Monday and will remain there with the undertaker untill the arrival there of Lieut. Wagner. He will leave here next Mnday. Mat Blair and I went out last Monday morning and took him up and had it placed in a zinc case and had it started the same day. I wrote a letter yesterday to your Father stateing the price. I eill mention it in here for fear the letter will not reach him. The price of the zinc case was forty dollars and the express charges from here to Dixon will be thirty dollars which will make seventy, and if Lieut. Wagner can get him through with less money he will go it and if there is any money left it will be given to your father. It will be sent in the care of W. T. House of Dixon. Tell your father that he will dispose of the money as followes. Ten dollars to be paid to Bob Boyds father in Grand Detour, fifteen dollars of Mat. Blairs he is to keep untill further orders, and the remainder to be paid to D. D. Lahman, J. P. Lahman's brother. He resides in Franklin. Tell him to take his own time to pay it as we are not in a hurry and tell him also that we are a thousand times obliged to him for those stamps. J. P. Lahman has

Camp near Chockville Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1962

Dear Friends at Home

I wish you a merry Christmas  
and a happy new year. I received your  
welcome letter last Sabbath evening. It  
found me in good health and I hope  
these lines may find you all the same.  
Well how are you all getting along in  
the Bend how old you stand your  
Christmas and how are you going to spend  
the year. We are not doing anything  
in camp today to amount to anything  
we were out in field day before  
yesterday and came in yesterday morning  
but we had scarcely got our things put  
away before we received orders to strike  
tent and load wagon immediately and be  
ready for a march. Well we went at  
it and in a few minutes our knapsacks  
were packed on tent sticks and our  
wagons loaded and we were on the fire  
all ready for a march with three days  
ration in our haversacks. Well we  
started off and went about one ~~mile~~ mile  
there we halted and rested about an hour



Gen Johnson is now commanding the division  
in place of Sills.  
When we were about forced and marched  
back into camp but in about half an hour  
we received orders to be ready in 15 minutes  
to move camp, well we waited about an  
hour and then we got orders to march  
this morning, well daylight came and we  
waited till about nine o'clock then we  
got orders to march and fire our  
shots, and we are here yet, but the orders  
came this very moment to move forward  
morning the. Later I do not think will  
be countermanded. I think we will move  
in the morning, I do not know where we  
will go but I think we will go down to  
Mormonville about 15 miles from here and  
I have no doubt but that we will have  
a little fight before we get there, but  
it is hardly likely that our division  
will get into the fight for there is  
fight enough in advance of us to which  
all the rest there is down there, we heard  
today that Gen Sherman put more than  
whipped John Morgan and his gang of cut  
throats up at Gallatin yesterday we do not  
know whether this is true or not, but we  
all hope that it is, we also heard that  
they have evacuated Fredrickburg and that

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 it is or will be but I suppose it will be several  
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 anything new more than I could a year ago  
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 that there is quite a spirit in the cabinet  
 and I hope it may be for the better I don't think  
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 of McCallan being nominated but I hope this  
 above all other things is not true if he should  
 be nominated our government is gone up the  
 ahead, it is reported that the President  
 has been shot of these times in the streets  
 of Washington, truly for the President if he  
 only don't get himself,

Will I received these thanks you sent me &  
am very much obliged to you for them

Will you also send Mary Ann to the other

the common one beginning now and we may be  
called out to fight in a few minutes but  
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and next the other day when we were out

but you better believe they are thick when

they saw our company come up in the hill

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they say and they attacked ~~the~~ men in the

day before yesterday but of how thick made

them. I think, I guess I have written all the

men as I will close please excuse me as I must

and had nothing for I am in a great hurry

write soon, I remain as ever your brother

Thos. Benton

Direct General Sherman  
Co. D., 3rd Regt - Ill. Vol.

Camp near Nashville, Tenn.



Camp near Sharpshooters Den Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

1863

Stevens today.

It is with unshaken  
heart this afternoon that I see these  
few lines to you. We have had a  
great fight and a great victory won  
I came out without a scratch but am

very fit to perform your last years work.  
Charles fell while defending the alarm  
and Stephen he was shot dead at the  
first fire he was one of the best boys in  
the 34<sup>th</sup> and behaved by all that knew  
him no doubt your wife hears of it before  
this reaches you. I buried him myself  
and gave him no good a burial as the  
circumstances would admit of. He carried  
the colors in the fight. The colors were  
long lost at the time. When the victors  
came on we they were 2000 strong  
and were commanded by Gen. Charles.

we had no supper and when the abundance  
given to refresh the boys broke and fled  
in all directions it was a general  
standee, a Bull's Run race. They took  
me down but while they were taking  
me away a squad of our Cavalry came  
down on them and they had to save  
themselves; at night I was ten miles  
from the battle field you may think it  
strange in my running but I did not think  
it safe to halt under that distance.

The fight lasted 8 days and was pretty  
long enough for me in our company we  
had 22 wounded & killed and 1 missing.

The company is all broke up and I have  
no more desire to be in the service I  
never did have much and have stopped  
I wish myself at home again to see  
my friends and more. Charlie has a  
bible and a few other trinkets in his  
knapsack and also two pictures.

comes if you wish them. The matter  
there is very fine now but during the  
fight it varied almost every day and  
night a full account of the fight you  
will see in the paper and there is no  
use in my giving you a full description  
of the fight because I can't do it.  
With these few remarks I will close  
my respects to you and the rest of  
the family. No more write now.  
From your true friend  
J. H. W.

20<sup>th</sup> said by many.  
 In the last great struggle which must soon or may  
 if we have more of my countrymen, it was my father  
 a philanthropist being persecuted by violence, but the

And Tilling and even some  
 the most rapidly, and so the intelligence has reached  
 you through many various channels of the death of your son  
 Charles. Charles was left among the brave at Mauthausen  
 the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. Since then I have presented me from  
 communicating with you before, but now, as the command  
 ing officer of the company, I can not refrain to speak of  
 the many good qualities of the young and brave soldier  
 as they have come under my notice during the last year  
 of an active campaign. Always on duty, always at  
 his post, always prompt, cheerful and obedient he had  
 the respect and love of officers and men. There was no day  
 of his company that he was not with them, and  
 find him among the foremost. He should be especially  
 distinguished himself by his bravery and courage.  
 In the many hours of leisure and evenings, which  
 they were not participating in, his good conduct was  
 always

James M. Smith  
Harris Station etc.

Handwritten: *Handwritten*

John Doe

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1863

the Camp near Springfield, Mass.



I am very glad to hear of the success of the  
 new book. I hope it will be a great success.  
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July 4th 1864

Green Road

20th Dec 1922

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Jan 22 1863  
Dutton  
Albany



Cast Chester. Jan'y 29<sup>th</sup>. 1863.

Mr Santer:

Dear Sir,

I have read in the Union Paper the death of Corporal Charles Santer and I feel that the least I can do is to tell you I am among the number of those who mourn the loss of that brave soldier.

The Peace Democrats of the North and their darling friends the cursed slave holders of the South may laugh at your grief and say it is only a "mud-sill" that is killed. But you can tell those men that your son carried the Star Spangled banner on the bloody field of Munfreeters, and died there, a hero after God's own heart. Which may



get up on the gallies, and deliver  
glowing panegyrics on what are  
called the great men of this  
world - marble columns many  
show people where the ground  
men lie buried - But your Charles  
needs no priest to sing his  
praises, no monument of stone  
to cover him. Let him rest  
where he fell - his body guarded  
by the angel of Freedom - for  
whom he was not afraid even to  
give his life - and his happy  
spirit has found in Heaven  
the reward, which God keeps  
for those who fight for  
Truth and Eternal Justice.

I am with your respects  
Your friend

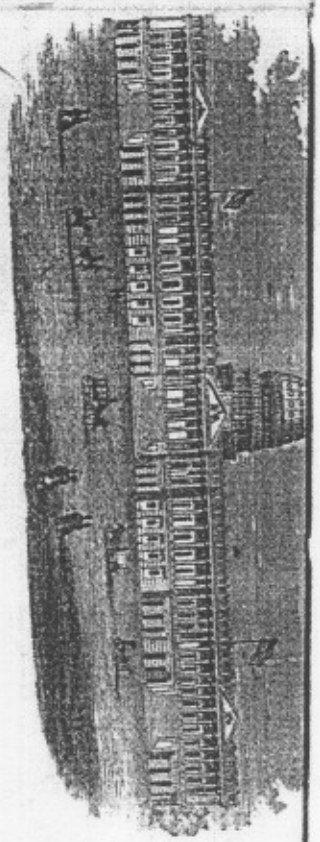
Wm. L. G. W. W.  
Captain Wm. L. G. W. W.

Ever Charles

Wm. L. G. W. W.

N. Y.

The weather was very warm  
and the wind from the south  
was very strong and hot.



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There are many other things of the same kind  
which are found in the same place.

The same is found in the same place  
and the same is found in the same place.

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don't think people think they  
remembered him. I hope they don't

He was a good man. I don't think I could find a better man.

I don't think I could find a better man. I don't think I could find a better man.

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glorious men. the big master so there  
and he is saying the long grade mine,  
we are looking for the green books  
with an anxious eye they are giving  
to pay us 4 months but their is no  
months due. J. B. Johnson is among  
a letter which he received from your  
letter. as needs is never of will  
else shaping its cheer from you  
you give my respects to your  
father, and especially to your wife,  
no more

From your ever true friend

Henry

P.S. I guess the reason why  
you did not get my other letters  
was because I directed it to Boston

~~Statement~~ of

Chambers near Northampton Tenn.

February 24<sup>th</sup> 1863

It is with pleasure  
this evening that I seat myself to  
write you kind and welcome letters  
which was thanfully received.

It was not my fault that you did not  
receive a letter from me for I wrote  
you a letter some time ago, but  
it will excuse your liberty. Our long grade  
has been detached from the Division  
to work on the transportation at this  
place so you see we are armed with  
picks and shovels and not with skillfully  
we are than I would much rather  
we are one of them than I would a  
marcher, the work that we are building

be extremely very formidable and if the  
robbers will, should on far a little while  
yet till we get ready they may come  
and during their whole force with that  
we will learn them a lesson that  
they won't soon forget. Probably they  
have learned one from us already?  
It is the impression of the officers  
here that we are going to be left  
here, & which we would for I am getting  
tired of marching. The weather here  
is very wet and muddy, it rains  
almost every day and night & I don't  
move around much but am quietly  
settled down in the mud. About  
Blair received your letter a few days  
ago I don't know in letters he has  
answered it or not, that is not for  
me to know. Well I bid adieu

<sup>the</sup> your attitude of Cornwallis. Ever, if  
don't think much of it some persons  
of it I like very well, as far as assisting  
old regiments I am not in for that I am  
in for taking a fair laugh at me.  
You stated in your letter that you  
wished to recover the body of Shalby  
I will do all in my power to aid you  
in getting it. I saw the Major this  
evening and he means he is going  
to send a request to Gen. Buell  
to see if he will grant them the  
body of Shalby. I am sure it shall  
be done if it can be done at all. This  
will be nothing left undone that  
can be done if I send. I am  
sure I will have to send to Norfolk  
to get a coffin for him as well  
with the same time yet.

Don't miss New York or them.

March 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

Esteemed Friend

I hope you will

excuse me for writing to you the  
second time. J. F. Fishman intended  
a letter to day from you but the  
mail comes at noon. I'm sure  
if the weather will permit we are  
going out to take the body of  
Charles up and send it home so  
you need not give yourself any  
concerns about him. For he will  
come through if the wheels don't get  
in a way of the rail road. Hunt  
Wagner of oldt. Shaver is going to  
bring him through. We have a fine  
cabin for him. The weather here for  
the past few days has been very fine  
and warm. So don't think it will



remain so long. The words here are will keep dry, you may expect to hear  
the fluctuations are progressing already of a grand more dark here, and then  
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rebels will hold on a little longer.  
I think Liepberg must fall and then  
they are gone with certainty, don't you  
think they are? They will try and get  
possession of Rintuchy if they can  
they had better not come up this  
way if they do they will meet with  
a warm reception. But you receive  
these questions & don't say too. Heavens  
how shocked you are very good  
to answer this afternoon. Oh! I feel that  
the show has come. I can't tell you  
where you will find it but I presume  
it is in the little corner where I will  
come down and find it for you when  
I come home. Last Monday we received  
a box of provisions from home, it made  
us think of the hardships at home and  
that they have not forgot essentially  
how many they live. Of the weather

Henry

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possession of Rintuchy if they can  
they had better not come up this  
way if they do they will meet with  
a warm reception. But you receive  
these questions & don't say too. Heavens  
how shocked you are very good  
to answer this afternoon. Oh! I feel that  
the show has come. I can't tell you  
where you will find it but I presume  
it is in the little corner where I will  
come down and find it for you when  
I come home. Last Monday we received  
a box of provisions from home, it made  
us think of the hardships at home and  
that they have not forgot essentially  
how many they live. Of the weather

I don't doubt you wish to visit me, but I  
not very friendly here. This morning I was  
down and had my picture taken and a  
damely looking thing it is, I wish to  
exchange mine with you if you  
have no objection. I am sure I shall never  
hear of me from the next letter.  
Give my respects to your father and  
to yourself especially, with those few lines  
I will leave, hoping to hear from you  
soon. When you write direct to  
Stammons Division, in place of  
Hills. No more write down  
from your true friend

Henry  
(S)

Camp. Washington D.C.

March 1864 / 63

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I received your

welcome letter this P.M. and was  
glad to hear from you and also  
to hear that the folks were all well.  
which is more than I can say.

The weather here is very dry and warm  
if you were down here you would  
think we had Southern climate.

even weather in D.C. is not to be compared  
with it. The boys in the company are  
all well with a few exceptions of the  
cold. Old George is pushing the  
works on the fortifications with a  
little more vigor than heretofore  
he is fearful of the rebels fighting in  
the same manner. I am looking  
for it myself and hope you would

must like to see any one doing up dog the  
heels till they are dead. dead. dead  
would you, I believe I should. I  
would like to see my ~~confederates~~  
in the north shot at and not moved,  
if we are to return home  
I will smash down as short the first  
man that talks peace to me,

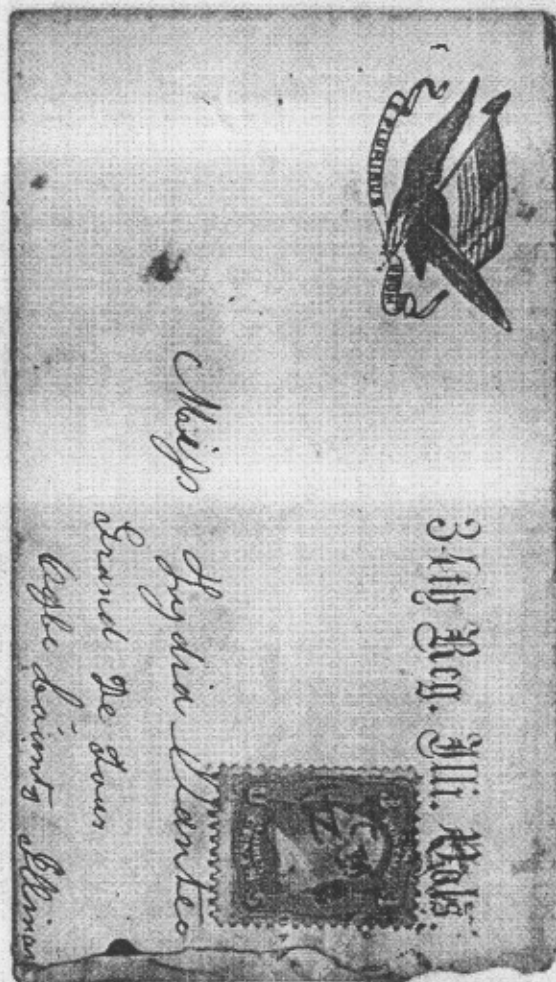
I suppose you have heard of the death  
of David Wright of the 75<sup>th</sup>, he had  
the measles and died in the hospital  
in Washington. I am sorry to inform  
you that the body of your son's  
was shipped from here to Louisville  
last Monday and will remain there  
until the undertaker can take the corpse  
then of friend Hagone, he will leave  
here next Monday. Mat. Blair and  
I went out last Monday morning and  
looked him up and had it placed  
in a fine case and had it started  
the same day. I wrote a letter yesterday  
to you stating the price. I will

mention it in here for fear the letter  
will not reach him. the price of  
the fine case was forty dollars  
and the express charges from here to  
Paris will be thirty dollars within will  
make seventy, and if friend Hagone  
can get him through with less money  
he will do it and if there is any money  
left it will be given to your father.  
it will be sent in the care of W. J. Howard  
of Paris. Tell your father that he will  
hear of the money as for the case. I will  
ask him to be paid to that. I will  
father in David's return fifteen dollars  
of Mat. Blair he is to keep until  
further orders and the remainder to  
be paid to W. J. Hagone. I. J.  
Hagone brother, he resides in Franklin  
tell him to take his order time to  
pay it as we are not in a hurry, and  
tell him also that we are a thousand times  
obliged to him for these letters.  
I of Hagone has answered his letter



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My dearest Ellen

April 8<sup>th</sup> / 63

Dearest Friend

It is with a great degree of pleasure this evening that I take my rest to write you some and let's become better. I was glad to hear that John is doing much better at home. I received your father's letter this afternoon, and the words received are also from him.

The weather here is very fine, but the nights are cool. J. B. Linnard has the measles he has been sick for three weeks past today he was able to do up last night & was over to school. Revere then took it being the anniversary of the battle of Shiloh I remember it well. The Gen. treated me very kindly and visited across

again, next week we are going to  
give old Mary a call. We are still  
at work on the fortification, some  
of them are finished and have the  
guns mounted. Some of them are  
64 pounders they make much good  
work. While doing nothing the  
boys of Co. G. & H. Cavalry  
in the West and as I can dance  
of thought of some sort. As for you  
know to the best of the two of us  
under the impression that the rebellion  
will soon be crushed and as we  
after some thought out of think  
about 4 months will finish it  
The idea we are half nations down to  
the in this corner and have been  
from some time. But I believe  
not down on duty for some time the  
apartment this shoulder than the dance  
it of don't know. I find out that the  
cannot act don't keep the people  
I am getting nervous, I hope they

will consent very one that gets  
nervous about you. Make the dance  
no ender and say thing is quiet again  
the have one of the greatest camp in  
the army it is planted full of cedar  
trees and the white are stand out  
regatta, and we kept them, all  
drawn across mornings and  
evenings they playing ball and  
matters which you know is a very  
healthy exercise. There is a game  
of ball that can be played which  
is not very healthy, I wish, and  
common ball, for instance, as now  
in some men, I will leave hoping  
to hear from you soon  
Sincerely  
Henry